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DAVID PAHER and PHILENA PAHER,

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vs.

CIVIL ACTION NO.: 2:06cv297-DRB

UICI, et al.,

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Defendants.

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CONSENT AND JOINDER IN NOTICE OF REMOVAL

COMES NOW, defendant National Association for the Self-Employed, Inc., by and through its undersigned counsel, and files its consent and joinder in the removal of this action from the Circuit Court of Covington County, Alabama.¹

Dated this 31st day of March, 2006.

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¹ National Association for the Self-Employed, Inc. does not waive and specifically preserves any and all applicable defenses pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12, any administrative remedies available under the Insurance Certificate at issue, and any right to demand arbitration pursuant to any applicable agreement to arbitrate.

EXHIBIT

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 Plaintiffs,)
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 v.)
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 UICI;)
 MEGA LIFE & HEALTH INSURANCE)
 COMPANY;)
 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE)
 SELF EMPLOYED;)
 STEPHANIE TRANCHINA;)
 and FICTITIOUS DEFENDANTS)
 "A," "B," and "C," whether singular or)
 plural, are those other persons,)
 corporations, firms, or other entities)
 whose wrongful conduct caused or)
 contributed to the cause of the injuries)
 and damage to the plaintiff, all of)
 whose true and correct names are)
 unknown to the at this time,)
 but which will be substituted by)
 amendment when ascertained,)

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Defendants.

DEFENDANT UICI'S CONSENT TO REMOVAL

Undersigned counsel, on behalf of Defendant UICI, hereby consents to the removal of this case to the United States District Court for the Middle District of Alabama, Northern Division,¹ pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1441 and 1446.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have on this day, March 31, 2006, served a copy of the foregoing pleading on all counsel of record by placing a copy of same in the United States Mail, properly addressed and first class postage prepaid, as follows:

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